

MSP Forensic Services Group
Monthly Section Summary Report
Executive Summary
November 2012

Forensic Biology Summary

Crime Scene Response Unit

- On average the CSRU regions issued crime scene reports 32 days after responding to the scene; the turnaround time goal for this task is 30 days.
- 67% of all reports were completed within 30 days.
- The unit currently has a 45 case backlog.

Criminalistics Unit

- The Criminalistics Unit completed 160 reports last month.
- The Criminalistics Units achieved a 103 day turnaround time from assignment to the section to completion of report.
- There were 2 rush requests completed in Criminalistics last month with a 20 day turnaround time from date assigned to an analyst to date completed.
- The unit currently has a 470 case backlog.

Arson and Explosives Unit

- There were 25 items examined by the Arson and Explosives Unit for gun shot residue.
- The backlog of untested gunshot residue kits is 197 for 75 cases.
- There were 15 rush requests completed in Arson last month with a 15 day turnaround time from date assigned to an analyst to date completed.
- The unit currently has a 175 case backlog.

Trace Unit

- The Trace Unit completed 13 assignments in November with an average turnaround time of 12 days from date assigned to an analyst to date completed.
- The unit currently has a 69 case backlog.

DNA Unit

- The DNA Unit completed 68 assignments in November.
- The DNA Unit completed cases with an average turnaround time of 133 days. This includes 35 days in the backlog, 52 days in analysis, and 46 days in review. This is the lowest turnaround time in over a year.
- 6 cases were outsourced to a vendor lab in November.
- The DNA cumulative assignment backlog is at 2,380.
- There was 1 rush request completed in DNA last month with a 20 day turnaround time from date assigned to an analyst to date completed.
- The unit currently has a 369 case backlog (assigned to analysts).

Database Unit

- The Database Unit completed 1469 exemplars in November. This consisted of 119 casework samples and 1319 convicted offender samples and 31 hit verifications. On average these exemplars were completed within 19 days from request.
- The Database Unit also completed 1 rush assignment with a 5 day turnaround time.
- The unit currently has a 41 case backlog.

CODIS

- There were 33 completed CODIS Hits last month.
- The average turnaround time from match to notification was 24 days. The goal for this task is 30 days.
- There were 757 new convicted offenders collect last month.

Forensic Chemistry Summary

Drug Identification Unit

- The Drug Unit completed 331 assignments in November with an average turnaround time of 17 days from date assigned to an analyst to date completed.
- The Drug Unit received over 1307 local police cases last month. This represents approximately 82% of the total case received in November.
- There were 67 rush requests completed in Drugs last month with a 13 day turnaround time from date assigned to an analyst to date completed.
- The unit currently has a 5022 case backlog.

Toxicology Unit

- In November the Toxicology Unit assigned 66 assignments and completed 66 assignments.

- The Toxicology Unit turnaround was 18 days from date assigned to an analyst to date completed.
- There were 29 rush requests completed in Toxicology last month with a 2 day turnaround time.
- The unit currently has a 106 case backlog.

Forensic Services Summary

Firearms Identification Section

- The Firearms Identification Section completed 431 assignments in November with an average turnaround time of 29 days from date assigned to an analyst to date completed.
- There were 48 NIBIN entries made last month.
- There were 123 weapons submitted for examination in November.
- FIS also completed 2 rush assignments with a 1 day turnaround time.
- The section currently has a 546 case backlog.

Crime Scene Services Section

- Crime Scene Services completed 801 assignments for 577 cases last month.
- There were 108 individualizations made by Crime Scene Services Section in November.
- The section completed 246 Fingerprint Analysis with a 67 day turnaround time from date assigned to the section to date completed.
- There was 1 rush request completed in CSSS last month with a 13 day turnaround time.
- The section currently has a 1029 case backlog.

Digital Evidence Multimedia Section

- Digital Evidence Multimedia Section (DEMS) completed 73 assignments last month with a 202 day turnaround time.
- The section currently has a 64 case backlog.

Forensic Support Section Summary

Evidence Control Unit

- The Evidence Control Unit received approximately 3703 cases and 6022 items in November. They also returned over 1386 cases and 3446 items.
- The Evidence Control Unit conducted 191 evidence transport trips between the ten FSG facilities transporting approximately 4530 cases and 6906 containers and files. These trips consumed 102 working hours and 4472 miles traveled.
- There were 5 evidence transport rush requests completed in the Evidence Control Unit last month with a 1 day turnaround time.

Forensic Services Group Testimony Summary

- Representatives from the Forensic Services Group appeared in court for 39 court proceedings and testified in 32 trials.
- 263 hours of case working productivity were lost for court related duties.